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Miami Gardens Vice-Mayor Felicia Robinson Named One of "South Florida's 50 Most Powerful and Influential Black Professionals"



Miami Gardens, FL – April 14, 2015 – The <u>City of Miami Gardens</u> today announced that Vice-Mayor Felicia Robinson has been selected by *Legacy Miami Magazine* as one of "South Florida's 50 Most Powerful and Influential Black Professionals in Business and Industry for 2015." Vice-Mayor Robinson's profile is included in the April 13th Power issue of *Legacy Miami Magazine*, which was inserted in The Business Monday Section of the Miami Herald Newspaper.

The annual *Legacy Miami Magazine* listing recognizes outstanding accomplishments in community service and professional achievement.

Over 170 men and women from South Florida's Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties were nominated by the community-at-large for this year's top *Legacy* honor. The final list of honorees were carefully vetted and selected by a highly accomplished committee comprised of former honorees, and business and civic leaders from South Florida.

"As an educator, professional, and Council member, Ms. Robinson has displayed a limitless commitment to both her professional achievements and community service for many years," says *Legacy Miami Magazine* publisher **Dexter Bridgeman** on Vice-Mayor Robinson's selection.

Vice-Mayor Felicia Robinson is a native of the City of Miami Gardens. She is a community activist, and has worked in the Miami-Dade Public School System for over twenty years. Ms. Robinson was elected to the Miami Gardens City Council in August 2010, and currently serves on many boards for the City, the State, and the South Florida educational arena. Vice-Mayor Robinson sponsored the resolution to develop Miami Gardens' Citizens on Patrol Program (C.O.P.P), and also participated in the first graduating class for the C.O.P.P. Recently, Vice-Mayor Robinson launched monthly "Meet Me Monday" meetings to address residents' concerns, target issues of childhood success, and further healthy community initiatives.

Vice-Mayor Robinson matriculated at Tuskegee University, University of Miami and Barry University. She holds a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Mathematics, and also a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership.

Legacy Miami Magazine will host a Black Tie reception to celebrate all 2015 honorees on May 2nd at the **Bonaventure Resort and Spa** in Weston, Florida. Vice-Mayor Robinson was among three women from the

City of Miami Gardens to make this year's esteemed *Legacy* list. Assistant City Manager **Vernita Nelson** and City Attorney **Sonja Dickens** are also among the distinguished honorees.

About the City of Miami Gardens

The City of Miami Gardens was incorporated on May 13, 2003, and is the 33rd city in Miami-Dade County. With a population of approximately 110,000, it is the third largest city in Miami-Dade County. Miami Gardens is a solid, working and middle class community of unique diversity. It is the largest predominantly African-American municipality in Florida and boasts many Caribbean and Hispanic residents. The City hosted the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl, the 2010 NFL Pro Bowl™, Super Bowl XLIV™, 2013 Orange Bowl and 2013 BCS National Championship game. The City has demonstrated steady growth in the areas of community and economic development, and has gained a reputation for being a hot destination in South Florida. www.miamigardens-fl.gov.

About Legacy Miami Magazine

Established in 2004, *Legacy*, through distribution partnerships with the Miami Herald, Orlando Sentinel, and the Sun Sentinel Newspapers, has a combined readership of over two million and publishes bi-monthly. *Legacy* is a news/business publication providing Florida's Black professional community with insightful articles and information on business, careers, politics, lifestyle, education, religion, culture and social commentary.

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